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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

*Whereas, Mistreatment of a child is a national tragedy regardless of race, ethnicity, or socio-economic boundaries;*

*Whereas, Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, or neglect;*

*Whereas, By providing a safe and secure environment for our children, all Hoosiers can ensure that future generations will grow to realize their full potential;*

*Whereas, Approximately three million children are*

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*reported abused and neglected in the United States every year, and 70% of all reported sexual crimes involve children;*

*Whereas, Social acceptance of myths about child abuse silences victims and encourages public denial about the true nature of this tragic epidemic;*

*Whereas, During Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, all United States citizens must emphasize the importance of understanding the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect and commit to learning more about the behavioral and physical signs of abuse; and*

*Whereas, People everywhere must first understand the devastating problem of child abuse and neglect before we can eliminate it entirely: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2           recognizes April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

